(d) if so, whether there was no improvement in the situation even after the meeting at Kazakhstan where 16 Nations Summits on Security in Asia was held?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) There has been some reduction in infiltration and cross border terrorism after the speech of the Pakistan President on 27th May, 2002 and the Kazakhistan summit in early June, 2002, which may be due to deployment of security forces and effective counter infiltration measures.

Inputs indicate that there are concentrations of Al-Qaida terrorists/ Taliban's in Pakistan occupied Kashmir with an intent to infiltrate into J&K at an opportune moment.

Trans-border firing in J&K, a regular feature, head escalated since Mid-May, 2002, post Kalachuk incident. But, there has been some reduction since the middle of June, 2002.

**Refugees from Sri Lanka**

† 1523. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of refugees of Sri Lanka has been increasing constantly;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to check this problem; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Though some refugees from Sri Lanka have been coming to India, the influx of Sri Lankan refugees has shown a decline in the past years as is evident from reports received from the Government of Tamil Nadu:—

| S.No. | Year | No. of Refugees |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1999 | 4977 |
| 2. | 2000 | 1620 |
| 3. | 2001 | 505 |
| 4. | 2002 | 55 (upto June) |

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The substantial reduction in the fresh influx of Sri Lankan refugees has largely been because of number of measures adopted by the Central Government as also by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The arrival of refugees is reviewed from time to time by the Central Government and suitable instructions are issued to the concerned authorities as and when any abnormal increase in the arrival of refugees is noticed.

**ISI network in the country**

1524. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have identified more than 60 centres in different States where Pakistan's ISI has established a formidable network and is pumping huge amount of money for militants;

(b) if so, the details of these centres identified so far;

(c) whether the ISI centres located in India are also being financed by countries other than Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir, Does not arise.

**ISI plan to trigger blast in Kolkata**

1525. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an ISI backed terrorist group recently issued a threat to the effect that it was planning to trigger a powerful blast in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto; and